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SUBJECT: TERRORISM APPEARS IN SAHARA DISPUTE: ATTACK ON MAURITANIAN
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1. MAURITANIAN MINISTRY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS CHARGES "RULERS OF

ALGIERS" PLANNED AND FINANCED CRIMINAL ATTACK ON MAURITANIAN
AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE, AHMED OULD GHANAHALLA. WRITTEN COMMUNIQUE WAS
ISSUED LATE MORNING JULY 7, READ IN FULL ON RADIO MAURITANIE REGULAR
NEWSCAST AT 1330Z, DISTRIBUTED TO DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AT SUNDOWN, AND
FRONTPAGED JULY 8 "CHAAB" (GOVERNMENT SPONSORED DAILY).
FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF ORIGINAL FRENCH TEXT.

2. QUOTE: COMMUNIQUE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

ONCE AGAIN THE RULERS OF ALGIERS HAVE NOT HESITATED TO SHOULDER
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BEFORE HISTORY ANOTHER HEINOUS CRIME. AFTER THE DISAVOWAL OF ALL
THEIR COMMITMENTS UNDER-
TAKEN AT ALL LEVELS AND OF THEIR UNSPEAKABLE AND UNWARRANTED
INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OUR COUNTRY, AFTER THE
ATTACKS PERPETRATED AGAINST OUR COUNTRY AIMED AT CALLING INTO
QUESTION OUR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND OUR NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY,
AFTER THE SHAMEFUL CRIMES COMMITTED AGAINST OUR PEACEFUL

CIVILIAN POPULATION AND AGAINST THEIR PROPERTY, AFTER THE KIDNAPPING AND THE TAKING HOSTAGE OF INNOCENT FOREIGN CITIZENS WHOSE ONLY CRIME WAS SYMBOLIZING THE SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION WHICH WE HVE ALWAYS WORKED TO DEVELOP WITH ALL COUNTIRES, AFTER ALL OF THAT, BEHOLD THE AMORALITY (INCONSCIENCCE) OF THE RULERS OF ALGIERS HAS LED THEM TO CLIMB UP ONE MORE RUNG IN THE AGGRAVATION OF THE TENSION THEY HAVE CREATED AND WORK TO MAINTAIN AND TO EXACEBRATE IN THE REGION.

THIS MORNING, INDEED, OUR AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE H.E. AHMED OULD GHANAHALLA WAS THE OBJECT OF A CRIMINAL ATTEMPT ON HIS LIFE AT THE DOOR OF HIS RESIDENCE IN PARIS.

FOLLOWNG THIS ATTAACK WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED AS "COWARDLY AGRESSION", THEPRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC SENT A TELEGRAM IF SYMPATHY TO THE SECREATRY GENERAL OF THE PARTY, CHIEF OF STATE, MAITRE MOKTAR OULD DADDAH, IN WHICH HE EXPRESSED HIS PROFOUND INDIGNATION OVER THIS CRIMINAL ACT AND ASSURED HIM (THE CHIEF OF STATE) THAT ALL NECESSARY STEPS WOULD BE TAKEN TO FIND THE AGGRESSORS AND AND THEM OVER TO JUSTICE.

ON THIS OCCASION, THE MAURITANIAN GOVERNMENT ONCE AGAIN CALLS THE ATTENTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONSCIENCE TO THIS NEW CRIME FINANCED BY THE ALGERIAN RULERS WHICH ILLUSTRATES, ONCE AGAIN THE DETERMINATION OF THESE RULERS TO ESTABLISH NOT ONLY FALSEHOOD AND BETRAYAL, BUT ALSO THE TAKING OF HOSTAGES AS UNCLASSIFIED

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WAS RECENTLY THE CASE AT ZOUERATE, AND POLITICAL ASSASSINATION, LIKE THAT ATTEMPTED THIS MORNING AGAINST OUR AMBASSADOR IN PARIS, AS A POLITICAL SYSTEM IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR INSTINCT FOR DOMINATION AND OF THEIR MINI-IMPERIALISM. CLOSE QUOTE

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